



DATA MANGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT TASK FORCE

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- June 1- 30: Extensive work done by information technology (IT) consultants from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and Office of the Executive Director regarding the IT work for the DMIA 2003 Report to Congress.
 - Focus on IT interoperability, data integration, biometrics, and related issues for border management systems across organizational lines.
- June 4-5: DMIA Task Force workshop on “Interoperability and Decision Support for US Border Management,” hosted by the LANL Center for Homeland Security:
 - Two-day conference that focused on such topics as data integration, general technologies, application integration, and people interoperability and decision-making. Presenters with various technical expertises from LANL, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Sandia National Laboratory demonstrated technologies and methodologies addressing many of the challenges facing the border management environment.
- June 23: Executive Director briefings to US VISIT program:
 - Executive Director updates and ongoing coordination efforts. Overall Task Force briefing was given to Jim Williams, Program Director, US VISIT Program.
- June 23-25: DMIA Task Force site visit to Bureau of Customs Border Protection (CBP) field operations office in Tucson, AZ and the Nogales and Mariposa Ports-of-Entry (POEs):
 - Fact-finding mission that viewed facilities and operations at the CBP field office in Tucson, AZ, Nogales and Mariposa POEs and received briefings and demonstrations of land border (vehicle, pedestrian, and commercial) operations, facilities, and automated inspections projects from Directorate of Border and Transportation Security officials.
- June 25-27: DMIA Task Force site visit to CBP field operations office in El Paso, TX; Bridge of the Americas (BOTA), Paso del Norte (PDN), and Santa Theresa POEs; Border Patrol El Paso sector; and the US Consulate in Ciudad Juarez:
 - Fact-finding mission that viewed facilities and operations at the CBP field office at El Paso, TX; BOTA, PDN and Santa Theresa POEs; Border Patrol El Paso sector; US Consulate in Ciudad Juarez and received briefings and demonstrations of land border (vehicle, pedestrian, and commercial) operations, facilities, automated inspections projects, and visa application process from Directorate of Border and Transportation Security and Department of State officials.